



Citywide Family Council

School Committee Presentation
February 13, 2019

Agenda

- What is Your Voice Matters & the Citywide Family Council?
- Citywide Family Council Leadership
- Community Outreach & Engagement
- Goals & Future Plans
- You're Invited!



Citywide Family Council Leaders...

- Stacy Nelson
- Rebecca Ludvino
- Shon Teicheirn
- Jessica Cohen
- Christle Roberts
- Debbie Caverly
- Monica Lundberg

- Nicole Bernier
- Beth Tripathi
- Evan Caverly
- Luz Vasudevan
- Juana Zapata
- Diego Leonardo
- Daroth Yann

- Abisola Ogunseye
- Tooch Van
- Chi Ng
- Maria Aybar
- Bobby Tugbiyele
- Rebecca Duda (LPS)
- Shamir Rivera (Project LEARN)



What is Your Voice Matters?

Your Voice Matters

Total # engaged:	1,000+ initiative participants
Diverse Coalition:	75+ community members
Community Circles:	14 with 50+ participants
Action Forum:	3 forums with 100+ participants each
Action Groups:	7 major themes
Capacity Building:	45 students, parents, community members facilitator trained



Your Voice Matters Forums



What is the Citywide Family Council?



Citywide Family Council

What: The Citywide Family Council (CFC) is a council of families, educators and community members who will help inform district decisions and make every Lowell Public School student's experience better.

Why: Research shows that when family members engage in education, more of our students succeed and thrive.

Purpose: To advise the Lowell Public Schools in identifying and focusing on priorities to boost student, family, and community engagement and increase student achievement.

Citywide Family Council Meetings



Topic:

**Communication
between Families
and Lowell Public
Schools**

Communication as Priority

**Subgroups discussion at Citywide Family
Council Meeting**

1. Communication with families about before-school, after-school, and other programs available for LPS students.
2. Parent University to aid, encourage, and assist families in the engagement and support for their child's education.
3. Contact and organizational map of LPS personnel for family guidance, assistance, and connectedness.

Goals & Future Plans

1. Continuing to build a collaborative partnership with the School Committee, Lowell Public Schools leadership, and other educational stakeholders;
2. Develop a framework for incorporating parent and family voice into district decisions;
3. Convene voices from each of the Lowell schools and give members the responsibility of keeping their respective schools informed.



Sustainability: Citywide Family Council & Community Engagement

How do we ensure this is sustainable?

Work is currently funded by:

- 3 year \$25,000 grant from the Nellie Mae Education Foundation (*In its last year*)
- Project LEARN fundraising and private donations
- Additional Lowell Public Schools district staff
- In-kind time from community organizations

What we need:

- Continued Support from School Committee, District Administration and School Leaders.
- Support from community members both inside and outside of the school community in recruiting, organizing outreach, and participation.
- Strong partnerships with School Councils, PTOs, and school level leaders,

You're Invited!

- **Next Citywide Family Council Meeting:**
 - Tues Feb 26th, 6pm
 - McAuliffe Elementary, 570 Beacon St. Lowell, MA
 - Topic: Diverse Staffing
- **Questions or want to get involved:**
 - Email Rebecca Duda:
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- **Learn more:**
 - www.YourVoiceMattersLowell.org
 - www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/3290

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